

shows that tidal is as favorable as wind and that wave would be as favorable if the same resources for wind had been invested which has now achieved economic competitiveness and is undergoing extensive worldwide growth.

It is estimated that if 0.2 percent of the oceans' untapped energy could be harnessed, it could provide power sufficient for the entire world.

Wave Energy has several advantages over other forms of renewable energy such as wind and solar including higher energy densities, enabling devices to extract more power from a smaller volume at much lower costs (e.g., the density of water is about 1000 times that of air).

The availability of wave energy is in the 80–90 percent range, whereas wind availability is in the 30–45 percent range depending on location. Wave energy is also more predictable, with energy forecast times of greater than 10 hours, thus enabling more straightforward and reliable integration into the electric utility grid to provide reliable power.

Unfortunately, these developments have once again been ignored by Congress. While the FY 07 Energy and Water appropriations bill provides just over \$24 billion for the Department of Energy, it fails to provide any funding for the ocean energy program.

Ocean wave energy extraction technology is currently in the preliminary stages of development, at the same stage that wind turbines were approximately 15–20 years ago. Several technologies are being developed, and yet no clear superior engineering solution has been established. I urge my fellow colleagues to understand to recognize any opportunity to support this new endeavor and make the United States a leader in tapping into this alternative, renewable energy source.

I am very pleased that this bill fully funds the American Competitiveness Initiative which would strengthen basic research by increasing funding for the DOE Office of Science, for a total of \$4 billion. In addition, the bill supports the Advance Energy initiative by increasing funding for a variety of clean energy technologies, including biomass, hydrogen, solar, wind and clean coal. However, again, it includes no funding or support for ocean wave energy.

The new Energy Policy Act of 2005 adopted into law recognized for the first time the value of wave power to the US economy. Ocean energy research and development was authorized by this Congress. It should be supported and funded by this Congress.

HONORING MAYOR MICHAEL A. GUIDO ON BECOMING THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend and wonderful public servant, Dearborn, Michigan Mayor Michael A. Guido, on becoming the President of the United States Conference of Mayors.

Mayor Guido began his career in public service when he was elected the youngest person ever to the Dearborn City Council. He

promptly surpassed that achievement two terms later by becoming the youngest Mayor in the city's history. Since assuming the mayor's office in 1986, Mayor Guido has masterfully guided Dearborn with an immense degree of dedication, passion and competence.

As mayor of Henry Ford's hometown for 20 years, Mayor Guido has proven his tremendous ability to serve as a leader both locally and nationally. In Dearborn, Mayor Guido has been able to reduce crime; maintain a responsive police, fire and medical service structure; raise and sustain high property values; and, increase the quality of life through providing recreational, cultural and artistic programs and overseeing the building of nationally recognized cultural and recreational facilities. He managed all of this and much more while maintaining responsible fiscal discipline.

Mayor Guido has also contributed his expertise nationally through a number of organizations. He is a past member of the National League of Cities, NLC, Board of Directors, chaired the NLC's Working Group on Homeland Security following the tragic events of September 11th, and was a member of the Federal Communications' Local and State Government Advisory Committee. Mayor Guido also continues to serve on the National Advisory Councils of Fannie Mae and the NLC.

Knowing such a decent, kind and apt public servant such as Michael Guido has been a distinct privilege of mine for many years. I have seen Mayor Guido grow into a veteran public servant whose savvy for understanding complex national issues has always exceeded my expectations. I have no doubt that the U.S. Conference of Mayors will be well served having Mayor Guido as its President. I ask that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating Mayor Guido on his inauguration as the 64th President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

**TRIBUTE TO THE ARLINGTON
FOOD ASSISTANCE CENTER**

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Hunger Awareness Day and to honor the Arlington Food Assistance Center, which is located in my congressional district.

National Hunger Awareness Day was established to help inform individuals, communities, corporations and policy makers that hunger is a severe domestic issue and deserves our critical attention.

The Arlington Food Assistance Center's sole mission is to feed the hungry. This important action allows their clients to make other necessary purchases, such as paying for rent and utilities, without having to sacrifice their health and nutritional needs.

Despite the fact that Arlington County is one of the wealthiest areas in the country, plenty of local residents do not have enough to eat. The Arlington Food Assistance Center, AFAC, seeks to remedy this problem by distributing bread, vegetables, meat, milk, eggs and other food items to those in Arlington who are in need. The Arlington Food Assistance Center currently distributes approximately 1100 bags

of groceries each week to over 900 clients, nearly half of whom are children. Each week, families with one to three members receive one bag of food and families of four members or more receive two bags of food—amounts that are expected to supplement a week's meals.

AFAC obtains surplus food at a minimal cost from the Capital Area Community Food Bank and at no cost from local bakeries, supermarkets, farmer's markets, food drives and private donors.

I would like to commend the staff and volunteers of the Arlington Food Assistance Center who work hard to provide needy families in Arlington with groceries each week.

**TRIBUTE TO THE DEMOCRATIC
PACIFIC UNION**

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Democratic Pacific Union, DPU, whose goals include promoting democratic values, peace and prosperity among its member states. The DPU is an important development in the steady expansion of democracy among Pacific states.

Led mainly by Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Lu Hsiu-lien, the Democratic Pacific Union was created last summer on the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. In less than a year, the DPU has grown to 28 member democracies and has already compiled an impressive record of accomplishment. This record includes publishing its first quarterly journal, planning regional meetings, forming a Pacific economic advisory group, establishing a training program for typhoon and flood disaster reduction, and initiating the Pacific Congressional Caucus project. The Speaker of Taiwan's legislature, Wang Jin-pyng, has also formed a Taiwan Chapter of the DPU Congressional Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to acknowledge the importance of this initiative in strengthening democracy in the Pacific region. I congratulate Vice President Lu, the current Chair of the DPU, the leaders of Taiwan, and all the member states for their role in creating and supporting the Democratic Pacific Union.

**HONORING HAVENSCOURT
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Havenscourt Community Church, which has contributed immeasurably to the Oakland community as a whole as well as its own parishioners since 1925.

Since its founding, Havenscourt has been known as a stalwart of service, leadership, and faith, impacting countless lives over the past eight decades. With this same spirit, that of addressing needs within the whole community in addition to the church community, Dr.